

EDWARD P. ALSBURY.

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FEBRUARY 16, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. STONE, of Kentucky, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

**REPORT:**

[To accompany bill H. R. 11850.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11850) for the relief of Edward P. Alsbury, sole surviving heir of Harriette R. Alsbury, deceased, beg leave to report:

That they have duly considered the same, and find that in the month of July, A. D. 1865, General Wesley Merritt, of the United States Army, was in command of the troops of the United States then occupying western Texas, with his headquarters at the city of San Antonio, and that General Gibbs was commanding a brigade of cavalry of the United States Army, and was encamped a short distance outside of the city of San Antonio, on and near the property of said Harriette R. Alsbury, and that while there encamped the soldiers under the command of the said General Gibbs did tear down and use in building chimneys, ovens, and camps, houses and other improvements belonging to Harriette R. Alsbury of the reasonable value of \$6,000, and these facts are established by ample testimony.

It is further shown that Harriette R. Alsbury, the owner of said property, was a native of Pittsfield, Mass., and was a loyal citizen of the United States, and that since the destruction of her property she has died, leaving Edward P. Alsbury her sole surviving child and heir.

The committee are of opinion that this is a just claim against the United States, and recommend that the bill do pass.